

Elk Meadows School Community Council
October 12, 2022
Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

In Attendance: Principal Tiffany Smith, Vice Principal Molly Morgan, School Board Member Marilyn Richards, Shannon Bird, Lora Forbush, Michelle Oldroyd, Adam Arnesen, Nanette Evans, Caroline Morley, Shauna Hill, Linda Seehusen, Kimberly Wimmer, Mindi Watkins, Lisa Bird, Elissa Olsen.

2. Roberts Rules of Order:

Rules and guidelines our council follows for decisions and budgets. We added to our rules an attendance policy. If a member misses 2 meetings in a row and does not reach out to the president, Shannon Bird, they will be removed from this committee. This was approved by Caroline and second by Sauna Hill.

3. Parking lot Celebration:

Our extended parking lot has been so great and drop off/pick up has been going wonderful. Thank you to Marilyn Richards for going to bat for us and helping get it approved!

4. School Code of Conduct

Principal Smith shared the school code of conduct with us as well as our school Prevention Plan. It includes plans for bullying, suicide, violent behaviors, among other things. Our school has a new Wellness assistant (Tristian Gatsmyer), and a wellness room. It is to be used as a tool for students who need it, but it is not advertised to students. Don't want it to be overused. It is to help fill the gap between teachers and the help they need with difficult students. The assistant does behavior modeling and role playing. We discussed the school's no phone policy. There are sometimes individual cases where a student needs a phone for care plans, or as a medical device. The principal works with those parents and students as needed.

5. Money being spent from Landtrust.

Our Landtrust money is spent on Spencer Duncan, literacy assistants, great artists program, playworks, technology, and student incentives.

6. School Yearbook

We made a little over \$2,000 last year in our Memory book fundraiser. It was a huge success. Parents, teachers, and students all loved it and we would like to do it again. Caroline Morley said she would continue to head up the project. We will do a presale this year. \$15 if bought during the presale, \$20 to buy after. The cover coloring contest will run from October 20-November 9th. Our theme is "Big Things Happen Here." During our next meeting we will decide what to do with our money raised. We would like it to go towards the teachers in some way.

7. Technology in the classroom

We discussed the different apps that teachers use to communicate and if they would be condensed to one app. Ultimately, we want the teachers to use whatever they feel comfortable using so we can all stay in touch.

In the older grades we would like teachers to be mindful of how much technology is used in the classroom and that it is being used in a beneficial way. Technology is useful in many ways. As parents we would like to make sure it's not overused or being used to babysit.

8. Battle of the Books

We had talked about this program last year and discussed if it would be a good fit for our school. No parents in attendance have ever been in a school using the program. Kim and Nanette said they would help run it if someone wanted to head it up.

Next Meetings: [11/9/22](#), 1/11/23, 3/8/23, and 5/10/23